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TAGS: CASC (CASE OF LIPPINCOTT, RICHARD)

SUBJ: STATUS OF U.S. VESSEL "AMERICUS"

INSTANCE INTEREST CONGRESSMAN HINSHAW

REF: CALI 308 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONSULATE INFORMED SEPTEMBER 6 BY CARLOS PRIETO SILVA, PORT CAPTAIN, BUENAVENTURA, THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER WORD FROM RICHARD LIPPINCOTT REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND FINES REQUIRED FOR RELEASE OF THE YACHT "AMERICUS". THE PORT CAPTAIN ADVISED THAT AS THE VESSEL HAS NOW BEEN IN BUENAVENTURA SOME 20 MONTHS, AND CONTINUES TO INCUR EXPENSES FOR DOCKING AND WATCHMAN SERVICES, HE MAY BE FORCED TO TURN THE CASE OVER TO CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES FOR SETTLEMENT UNLESS HE RECEIVES WORD OF MR. LIPPINCOTT'S PLANS.

2. THE PORT CAPTAIN CONTINUES TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT THE BEHAVIOR OF U.S. CITIZENS NOW USING THE "AMERICUS" AS A HEAD-QUARTERS. HE EXPRESSED AGAIN SUSPICIONS CONCERNING NARCOTICS USE AND POSSIBLE TRAFFICKING AS REPORTED TO CONSULAR OFFICERS IN JULY (CALI 308). HE STATED THAT OTHER U.S. CITIZENS HAVE ARRIVED RECENTLY AND THAT THIS GROUP COMMUTES BETWEEN BUENAVENTURA AND VARIOUS RESIDENCES IN THE AREA WITH NO APPARENT REASON FOR THEIR LENGTHY STAY. HE ALSO STATED THAT A MEMBER OF THIS GROUP HAS SAID MR. LIPPINCOTT HAS DECIDED TO WASH HIS HANDS OF

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THE AFFAIR.

3. DESPITE POST REQUESTS (REPORTED IN CALI 308) CREW MEMBERS HAVE NOT VISITED CONSULATE. POST BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MR. LIPPINCOTT COMMUNICATE WITH PORT CAPTAIN PRIETO SILVA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED CONVEY CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN HINSHAW AND TO LIPPINCOTT AT 22122 WOOD ISLAND LANE HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF. 92646 URGING HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH PRIETO SILVA.

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